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William J. Casey
Director, Central Intelligence
Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

Enclosed is your copy of a letter to the President of the United States suggesting some solutions to the dilemma of Nuclear Disarmament.

My purpose, as a concerned individual, is to simultaneously bring this message to your attention. As an official and leader, your positive action and support to this concept can help move us toward the goal of controlling and eliminating this major problem.

Sincerely,


Edward W. Simon

Enclosure



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August 6, 1985

President Reagan
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

As President of the United States, you carry awesome responsibilities, particularly in the areas of National Defense. I personally admire the way you appear to be handling them; however, as a citizen, I wish to express some viewpoints regarding Nuclear Disarmament and would deeply appreciate your reply and comments.

Personal Assumptions and Viewpoints

- (1) Nuclear Weapons will not prevent Nuclear War! It's impossible to safely control and monitor this kind of power on a human level because when man has the power to destroy, he will ... eventually.
- (2) Greed and lust for power is part of human nature and is a fact of life. At times these traits are tempered by reason and compassion, but more often fueled by ignorance and hatred. Therefore, when several opposing forces possess destructive power of nuclear magnitude, all life lives in the shadow of instant annihilation based on individual and random decisions. Once unleashed, there is no turning back and no stopping point!
- (3) Scare tactics and jockeying for advantages of strength through escalation of nuclear weapons won't work as a deterrent. In this complex world, confrontations over strategic interests, overreactions to international tensions or miscalculations are unavoidable and will happen. The question is not "if" but "when"!
- (4) S.A.L.T. agreements, non-proliferation treaties, parity and the like will never insure survival because the capacity for total destruction will still be retained even if a limited disarmament is negotiated.
- (5) Survival of life should take priority over all things and all ideologies, be they Political, Religious, Economic or Social, because in the event of Nuclear War, these things will cease to exist anyway.
- (6) There can be a solution to this dilemma, however, if reasonable people in power will make the kind of effort and commitment to compromise, negotiate and, most importantly, re-conceptualize.

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Concept Suggested and Personal Viewpoint

- (1) Remove Nuclear Weapons from all nations and outlaw them through a Multi-National World Body. Call for the strengthening, activation and reorganization of the United Nations and develop it into the world governing power it was designed to be. Its ultimate purpose would be to eliminate Nuclear Weapons through an organized, systematic and proportionate process and to maintain these weapons' future extinction.
- (2) As a Body, it could elect a Governing Tribunal along with a balance of power similar to a large-scale National Government. (At present, I understand the U.N. to be only a forum for World opinion without the power base necessary to control crisis, and is ultimately ineffective.) All nations would proportionately contribute adequate funds (now used for making weapons), armies and equipment to this "Body" and commission it to control and absorb all Nuclear bombs and warheads from all nations.
- (3) Once properly organized, this organization would govern the methods, locations, dates and times toward achieving the goal of liquidating all Nuclear Weapons in a simultaneous and proportionate fashion through agreements and cooperation between nations. It would then be charged with locating, collecting, diffusing and dismantling every Nuclear warhead through direct supervision with the essential technical manpower and equipment necessary to accomplish this task.
- (4) It would have the authority, technology and organization to verify and keep surveillance on every nation on earth for an indefinite period to insure compliance and to ban the capacity for further production of Nuclear Weapons. This organization would lay down ground rules on a world level that could be carried out and controlled through international representation and forces. The major conditions being that only conventional weapons could be manufactured and maintained and that all Nuclear Weapons must be orderly turned over to this "controlling Body" for dismantling and/or destruction.

Individual nations (like individuals) are unable to negotiate agreements between themselves when they can't trust each other. They need an arbitrator, and what better arbitrator can there be than one that represents everyone?

Many who have the power of office may say that this is wishful thinking and fraught with impractical idealism and naivety. Their rebuttal might be that nations must maintain their "Security" and "Sovereignty" through

President Reagan

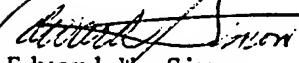
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"Strength." However, if these same people can realize that the destructive power we've created to "protect" us can and probably will turn on us by our own hands, then we can all focus on the real enemy and deal with it accordingly.

Surely, with commitment, this can be negotiated and accomplished within five years. If our country would make the effort to influence this direction in arms negotiations, with total commitment to the process - and not give up when it seems impossible to achieve - then, perhaps, the future can be insured.

Respectfully submitted,


Edward W. Simon



Mr. President: Conditions today demand that the probability for Nuclear War be eliminated. Presumably, all of Earth's sane population (and their leaders) would like to eliminate Nuclear Weapons from their arsenals provided it could be done without posing a greater threat. Why can't this be accomplished by approaching negotiations along lines outlined above?